



IEN Program Resource Advisory Council (IPRAC)

October 11, 2011 Meeting Minutes

(Approved December 13, 2011)

The October 11, 2011 meeting of the IEN Program Resource Advisory Council was held in the Barbara Morgan Room of the LBJ Building, 650 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

ATTENDANCE

Members/Alternate(s) Present:

Tom Luna (Chair), Superintendent of Public Instruction
John Miller, Dean of Off Campus Instruction, College of Southern Idaho
Jerry Reininger, Director of Information Systems, Meridian School District
Sen. Bert Brackett, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee (VTC)
Teresa Luna, Director, Dept. of Administration
Rep. Darrell Bolz, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee
Rep. Wendy Jaquet, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee
Jay Larsen, Executive Director, Idaho Technology Council

Absent Members

Sen. Shawn Keough, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee
Sen. John Goedde, Chairman of Senate Education Committee
Shelly Sayer, Premier Technology Inc.
Cheryl Charlton, CEO, Idaho Digital Learning Academy
Rep. Bob Nonini, Chairman of House of Representatives Education Committee

Others Present:

Julie Best, IEN	Garry Lough, IEN
Martin Bilbao, ENA	Keith Murphy, CenturyLink
Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO	Debra Stephenson-Padilla, IEN
Mike Costa, IEN	Joel Strickler, CenturyLink
Robin Finch, Dept. of Administration	Allison Touchstone, University of Idaho
Brady Kraft, IEN	Mike Vance, ENA
Oliver Landow, ENA	Greg Zickau, Office of the CIO

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION: Rep. Bolz moved and Rep. Jaquet seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2011 meeting as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

IEN CONTENT AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Garry Lough introduced Dr. Allison Touchstone to the Council; Dr. Touchstone is a Senior Instructor in the Dept. of Agricultural Education at the University of Idaho. As a member of the Content and Curriculum Committee, Dr. Touchstone provided an overview of the process by which the *Content and Curriculum Strategic Plan* (a working document) had been developed. Mr Lough provided a brief explanation of each of the four goals and associated objectives, action items and outcomes.

VTC DEMO

The Council connected by VTC with Dave Gural from Eagle High School, who provided an informative demonstration of the ways in which he uses video conferencing to teach students participating remotely.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dr. Reininger reported on items discussed at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of October 5, 2011:

- Regarding the timeline for E-Rate filing, ENA has been proactively reminding districts of the deadline for submitting their forms and will continue to provide assistance where needed.
- The committee had discussed VIDYO technology, which IDLA is deploying. Brady Kraft had reviewed the technology extensively and reported that, while it is a viable option for desktop video requirements, it was not ideal for immersive interactive education use in classrooms.
- ENA and CenturyLink had provided updates but nothing of concern had been raised.

CONNECTIVITY REPORT

Brady Kraft reported that 182 high schools (79,528 students) have been connected. Twelve high schools remain in progress and of these, four districts (8 schools) are fully installed and awaiting the final “switch over” by the school tech coordinators. Parma School District should be completed this very day; Payette School District is waiting for alternative connection options.

There are about eight schools that either have added a 12th grade or are entirely new schools that have been built during this process. In these cases, the first step is to ensure their E-Rate applications are completed so that they are eligible to be connected (from an E-Rate standpoint). Their connections cannot occur until July 2012 but everything possible will be prepared ahead of that time.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Garry Lough shared a handout of communications activities since the last meeting. Mr Lough also spoke about trends and assumptions for distance learning dual credit and advanced placement through the IEN. The trends indicate that, where distance learning dual credit is concerned, a synchronous modality is more popular than asynchronous.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2011 at 1:30pm in the Barbara Morgan Room of the LBJ Building, 650 West State Street.

Respectfully submitted,



Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO